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SUBJECT: WTDR - DATUM DOKUMENTATIONS- UND AUSBILDUNGS-ZENTRUM FUER THEORIE UND METHODE DER REGIONALFORSCHUNG

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1. SUBJECT ORGANIZATION IS A GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED ASSOCIATION LOCATED AT D-5300 BONN-BAD GODESBERG, MARGARETENSTRASSE 1, TEL: 0222L-374085. IT WAS FOUNDED IN MAY 1964 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING INTERROGATIONS AND TESTS ON BEHALF OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES. IT WORKS IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES, INFAS, IN BAD GODESBERG WHICH IN TURN USES TO MAKE COMPUTERIZED ADVANCE ESTIMATES OF RESULTS OF VOTES DURING GERMAN ELECTIONS.

2. THE SUBJECT ORGANIZATION HAS 60 EMPLOYEES AND SOME FREE-LANCE WORKERS. THE CREDIT RATING AGENCY REPORTS AN ANNUAL SALES VOLUME OF DM 3.5 MILLION. DATUM IS FINANCED BY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES OF STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, THE VOLKSWAGENWERK AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. IT MANAGER IS KLAUS LIEPELT, A SOCIOLOGIST, WHO ENJOYS A FAVORABLE REPUTATION. THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IS SOUND, PAYMENTS ARE MADE PROMPTLY.

3. ON THE BASIS OF ABOVE THIS GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED ASSOCIATION MAY BE CONSIDERED A GOOD BUSINESS CONNECTION  
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